whether it is a fact that Government has failed to meet even a single target in highway projects in the country during 2007;

whether the delays in completion are proving expensive to the exchequer;

if so, the details thereof; and

the status of completion of various highway projects in Orissa and Jharkhand at the end of 2007? %

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The Central Government is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways, which is an ongoing process. Every effort is made to complete the projects as per target. However, slippages occur is some cases due to various bottlenecks during execution.

(b) and (c) The delay in completion leads to cost escalation which is determined in accordance with the provisions in contract agreement. In case the project is delayed due to fault on the part of contractor, no escalation is paid.

(d) 67 National Highway project in Orissa and Jharkhand have been completed at the end of2007.

Length of National Highways

*460. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

the total length of National Highways in the country in kilometres;

the details thereof, State-wise; and

whether it is a fact that Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir and North-East States have less number and shortest length of National Highways in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The total length of National Highways in the Country is 66,754 Km. State-wise details of length of National Highways is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) The distribution of density of National Highways length is measured on the basis of length of National Highways in Km. per 1000 Km. and length of National Highways in Km. per lakh population. Based on this criteria, the distribution of density of National Highways length in the States of Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern States are as follows:

Distribution of Density of National Highways Lengths

SI. No	NameofState/U.T.	Length of NH in Km/1000 sq. Km.	Length of NH in Km/Lakh population
1.	Orissa	23.8	10.1
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	5.6	12.4
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.7	35.9
4.	Assam	36.2	10.6
5.	Manipur	43.0	40.1
6.	Meghalaya	36.1	35.1

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Mizoram	44.0	104.0
Nagaland	29.8	24.8
Sikkim	8.7	11.5
Tripura	38.1	12.5
India (National Average)	20.2	6.5

Statement

State-wise details of length of National Highways

State-wise National Highways and their length in the country

SI. No.	Name of State	National Highways No.	Total Length
	Andhra Pradesh	4,5,7,9,16,18,43,63,202,205,214,214A, 219, 221 & 222	4472
	Arunachal Pradesh	52.52A&I53	392
	Assam	31,31B,31C,36,37,37A,38,39,44,51,52,52A,52B,53,54, 61,62,151,152,153 & 154	2836
	Bihar	2,2C,19,28,28A,28B,30,30A,3l,57,57A,77,80,81,82,83, 84,85,98,99,101,102,103,104,105,106,107 & 110	3642
5	Chandigarh	21	24
6	Chhattisgarh	6,12A, 16,43,78,111,200,202,216,217 & 221	2184
7	Delhi	1,2,8,10 & 24	72
8	Goa	4A,17,17A&17B	269
9	Gujarat	6,8,8A,8B,8C,8D,8E,14,15,59,113,NE-I&228	3245
10	Haryana	1,2,8,10,21 A,22,64,65,71,71 A,71 B,72,73,73A & NE-II	1512
11	Himachal Pradesh	1 A,20,21,21 A,22,70,72,73A & 88	1208
12	Jammu & Kashmir	1A,1B,1C&1D	1245
13	Jharkhand	2,6,23,31,32,33,75,78,80,98,99 & 100	1805
14	Karnataka	4,4A,7,9,13,17,48,63,67,206,207,209,212 & 218	3843
15	Kerala	17,47,47A,47C,49,208,212,213&220	1457
16	Madhya Pradesh	3,7,12,12A,25,26,26A,27,59,59A,69,75,76,78,86 & 92	4670
17	Maharashtra	3,4,4B,4C,6,7,8,9,13,16,17,50,69,204,211 & 222	4176
18	Manipur	39,53,150 & 155	959
19	Meghalaya	40,44,51 & 62	810
20	Mizoram	44A,54,54A,54B,150& 154	927
21	Nagaland	36,39,61,150 & 155	494
22	Orissa	5,5A,6,23,42,43,60,75,200,201,203,203A,215,217 & 224	3704
23	Puducherry	45A&66	53
24	Punjab	1,1A,10,15,20,21,22,64,70,71,72 & 95	1557
25	Rajasthan	3,8,11,11A,11B,12,14,15,65,71B,76,79,79A,89,90,112, 113,114 & 116	5585
26	Sikkim	31A	62
27	Tamil Nadu	4,5,7,7A,45,45A,45B,45C,46,47,47B,49,66,67,68,205, 207,208,209,210,219,220,226 & 227	4462
28	Tripura	44 & 44A	400

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	Uttarakhand	58,72,72A,73,74,87,94,108,t09,l19,121,123 & 125	1991
	Uttar Pradesh	2,2A,3,7,11,12A,19,24,24A,24B,25,25A,26,27,28,28B, 28C29,56,56A,56B,58,72A,73,74,75,76,86,87,91,91A,92, 93,96,97,119 &NE-II	5874
31	West Bengal	2,2B,6,31,31A31C,31D,32,34,35,41,55,6O,60A,80,81 & 117	2524
32	Andaman & Nicobar	223	300
		TOTAL	66754

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Producers of uranium

3234. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that Australia, Canada and Kazakhstan are the world top producers of uranium;

whether it is also a fact that Canada and Kazakhstan joined Australia and said that they will not supply uranium to India; and

if yes, the details thereon and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Australia, Canada and Kazakhstan are leading producers of uranium in the world.

(b) and (c) Australia, Canada and Kazakhstan are members of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) which has adopted a set of guidelines restricting access to international nuclear commerce. Exemption from NSG guidelines would be necessary before India can access international civil nuclear trade.

Atomic energy and new inventions

3235. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that the area of atomic energy has grown with new inventions for the last 22 years of international level;

if so, the Government's reaction thereto;

whether it is also a fact that 16 per cent power of total power generation at the international level is being generated in the atomic energy sector;

if not, the facts thereof; and

whether it is also a fact that the cost of power generation in the atomic sector is comparatively high?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Innovations in nuclear reactors have been taking place internationally for around six decades.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.